

## MADISON COUNTY BARN DOCUMENTATION PROJECT

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Common Identity of Barn: Joe Chandler barn (caretaker of the Catholic Church of the Little Flower)  
Chandler never owned the barn; it was owned by the Ramsey family

Address of Barn: 121 Chandler Cove Road

GPS Location: N35 54.124 / W82 42.371

Elevation: 2135'

Township: Revere

Vicinity: center of Revere, aka Sodom Laurel

Approx date/decade built: late 19<sup>th</sup> century  
Current Owner: Terry Vanderman  
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Historic Owner(s): John Ramsey, or his son,  
Andrew Jackson Ramsey. Later, Catholic Church of  
the Diocese of Raleigh; Carl Mumpower, absent  
owner.

Current Use: storage

Historic Use: livestock barn adapted to air-cure  
burley tobacco.

Permission to visit property by: Carl Mumpower,  
owner and Vince Vilcinskis, caretaker;  
828-656-8295

**Historic Information:** This barn was built and owned by the Ramsey family. (See Family history and deed search) It was more recently known as the Joe Chandler barn, caretaken by Joe Chandler who lived across the road.

**Outbuildings:** a log building remains on the property and has the form and characteristics of a flue-cured tobacco barn. It has since been used as a dwelling and for storage. The main house was a large 2-storey frame house. The property was once owned by the Catholic Church and includes the Chapel of the Little Flower, still on the property.

**Setting and/or Surrounding Land Use:** The property is situated at the mouth of Chandler Cove, one of several major coves in the Revere community, originally the Sodom Laurel community, renamed, according to oral tradition, by pressure request of the Catholic Church. This farm was a typical small farm of small bottomland areas and steep slopes.

**Note:** information documented here, except for deed research, is based on oral tradition and available access to neighbors and family members, and access to the structure and its features.

### ORIGINAL BARN

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Integrity:

High  
 Medium  
 Low

Condition:

Good  
 Fair

Deteriorated  
 Ruin  
Addtnl Info.:

Function of original barn:

general purpose  
 livestock/hay – original  
 flue-cured tobacco  
 burley tobacco – later adaption  
 bull face tobacco  
 dairy  
 other

Addtnl Info.:

Type of Construction of original barn:

Post and Beam  
 timber frame  
 mortise and tenon - partial  
 sawn lumber  
 hewn timbers  
 notched logs  
 stud frame

Addtnl Info: mortise and tenons but pegs not visible.

Original siding materials:

milled boards  
 lattice  
 exposed logs  
 board and batten  
 metal  
 shingles  
 other

Addtnl Info.:

Orientation of siding:

angled on diagonal- double layer lattice  
 vertical  
 horizontal – lapped siding

Addtnl Info.:

Roof pitch or slope of original barn: 8/12

Roof type of original barn:

gable  
 broken gable  
 gambrel  
 shed  
 monitor  
 cupola  
 other

Addtnl Info.:

Roofing materials of original barn:

- split wood shingles - replaced
- 3-V metal
- 3-U metal
- 5-V metal – to replace wood shingles
- stamped metal shingle
- tar paper
- unknown
- other -

Addtnl Info.:

Roof framing of original barn:

- round pole rafters
- milled rafters
- gambrel shallow trusses
- gambrel with post & beam supprt
- round purlins

Addtnl Info.: rough sawn, appear to +/- 2x3”

Foundation of original barn:

- Dry laid stone
- wood sills on rock piers
- mortared stone
- concrete
- concrete block
- columns/wood piers
- posts on concrete footings

Addtnl Info.:

Flooring of original barn:

- dirt floor – lower stall level
- wood flooring – loft level
- concrete slab

Addtnl Info.:

Species of wood used in original barn:

- chestnut- dominant for round poles, beams and logs
- other, list known species

Addtnl Info.: pine, oaks, hemlock

Hinges:

- leather
- wooden
- wrought iron
- commercial metal
- rubber
- other

Add. Info.:

Fasteners:

- wire nails - occasional
- cut nails – dominant esp. on lattice
- wrought spikes
- wood pegs – may be present but not in view
- other

Addtnl Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing:

- +/- 2 feet
- +/- 3 feet
- +/- 4 feet
- other, list

Addtnl Info.:

Additional traditional features: deeply cut half dovetail corner notching, appear to be full dovetail at first glance; frequent use of chestnut round poles and beams with bark on; lapped poplar siding on gable ends; wood feed trough carved from half log; hay racks/mangers of paling sticks; classic slide door latches; common use of cut nails on lattice.

## **ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS - characteristics**

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Has the original barn been altered or added to? Yes

Description of alterations and additions:

Only minor modifications and repairs. Split oak wood shingle roofing was replaced with metal roofing at some point.

Condition of alterations

- good
- fair
- poor
- ruin

Addtnl Info.:

Function of barn alterations and additions

- general purpose
- livestock/hay – at ground level
- flue-cured tobacco
- burley tobacco – loft adapted to hang burley tobacco
- bull face tobacco
- dairy
- other

Addtnl Info.:

Roofing materials of alterations and additions

- split wood shingles
- 3-V metal
- 3-U metal
- 5-V meta

Hinges/ alterations and additions

- leather
- wooden
- wrought iron
- commercial metal – may have replaced carves wooden hinges of the period
- rubber
- other

Addtnl Info.:

Fasteners/ alterations and additions

- wire nails- more use as repairs are made
- cut nails
- wrought spikes
- wood pegs
- other

Addtnl Info.:

Tobacco tier poles vertical spacing/ alterations and additions

- +/- 2 feet
- +/- 3 feet
- +/- 4 feet
- other, list

Addtnl Info.

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